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SYNOPSIS

Mr. Smith is giving a weak end party in honor of his daughter's birthday. As a surprise for her, he has purchased a very beautiful and valuable string of pearls. He shows them to her before the arrival of the guests. For the safety of the pearls, they hire a detective. The daughter counts the guests and is startled to find they are thirteen. She candidly admits her superstition and implores her father to invite a fourteenth. The young gardener, being the only immediately available person, is chosen. The detective arrives, and after assuring the host of his shrewd watchfulness, promptly takes advantage of an inviting hammock and goes to sleep. Meanwhile, the villain, ever watchful, accepts this opportunity. He steals the pearls, and places them in the pocket of a white pair of trousers, which he conceals in a suitcase. He then telephones his confederate to rush over and get the suitcase.

The guests, unconscious of the developments of the wicked plot, are on the lawn having a glorious time. After a strenuous game of tennis, they decide upon the more restful game of "Who's got the button?" The gardener, hungry for his share of kisses, cheats by using the buttons of his pants. After continuous hardluck, he makes a final attempt (his last button) and wins. In his anxiety to reap his reward, he overlooks the practical fact that his trousers are buttonless - and is openly embarrassed before the guests. The host sends him into the house to be re-inforced. He goes into the nearest room - which happens to be that of the villain's, and takes the pair of trousers containing the pearls.

The time finally arrives for the great surprise and the host discovers the absence of the pearls. He calls the detective. The guests are about to be searched. The gardener, discovering the presence of the pearls, cunningly passes them on to the next man. They are passed thus from man to man until they reach the true thief. The detective finds them on the person of the villain and returns them to the host. After performing his duty, the detective leaves, and the host orders the gardener back to his work. The gardener turns on the lawn hose and breaks up the party.

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